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In re application of: Mattias Johansson et al.
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For: Adjustable Pedal Assembly
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for stating the reasons for allowance on pages 2 and 3 of the Notice of Allowability. In addition to the comments set forth by the Examiner, Applicant offers the following information for the record.

The statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter, as set forth by the Examiner, includes a drive mechanism, which is required by independent claims 1 and 36. With regards to independent claim 42, the prior art likewise fails to disclose, teach, or suggest an adjustable pedal assembly comprising a mounting arrangement for attachment to a vehicle structure, a pedal pivotally supported about a first pivot axis with respect to the mounting arrangement for rotation between rest and applied positions about the first pivot axis, an adjustment element pivotally supported about a second pivot axis with respect to the mounting arrangement with the second pivot axis remaining fixed relative to the mounting arrangement as the adjustment element pivotally moves between various adjusted positions about the second pivot axis, the first pivot axis supporting the pedal on the adjustment element with the adjustment element selectively

moving the pedal between a plurality of operable positions during the pivotal movement between the various adjusted positions about the second pivot axis without pivotally rotating the pedal about the first pivot axis, the first pivot axis being generally parallel to the second pivot axis, and an electrical generator mounted adjacent the pedal and responsive to rotation of the pedal for emitting an electric signal that varies with the rotational position of the pedal between the rest and applied positions around the first pivot axis independently of movement of the pedal between the plurality of operable positions defined by the adjusted positions of the adjustment element about the second pivot axis.

As a final matter, Applicant notes that the subject Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance shall not affect any Patent Term Adjustment for the subject application. To avoid processing delays, the Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanies the payment of the issue fee.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above remarks in addition to the Examiner's statements included in the Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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